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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

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TAGS: ASEAN

SUBJECT: US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) KUALA LUMPUR 4861; B) MANILA 11209;
C) JAKARTA 9746; D) STATE 189223

1. OBVIOUSLY USG IS NOT IN POSITION TO COORDINATE ASEAN NOR DO WE ASPIRE TO THAT ROLE. ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN PROPOSING US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS WAS TO SHOW RECOGNITION OF AND TO FURTHER ENHANCE ASEAN COHESION. WE WOULD MOST STRONGLY HOPE THAT OUR WILLINGNESS TO HAVE SUCH CONSULTATIONS SHOULD NOT BECOME AN ELEMENT OF DIVISION BETWEEN ASEAN MEMBERS.

2. THEREFORE DESPITE LATEST FROM KUALA LUMPUR WE STILL BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD AWAIT EMBASSY JAKARTA'S EXPLORATION OF INDONESIAN READINESS AS INDICATED IN JAKARTA 9746. ONCE WE HAVE INDONESIAN POSITION DIRECTLY FROM THEM WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO ASEAN THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE CHANNELS.
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WE CAN THEN ADDRESS OURSELVES TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS

TIMING, VENUE, AND AGENDA. ON THESE QUESTIONS OUR VIEWS
REMAIN ESSENTIALLY AS STATED IN STATE 283832, DECEMBER 31,
1974, BUT WE WILL BE NATURALLY GUIDED BY ASEAN'S WISHES.
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